

Stories World Meets With Smiles

Scotch Wit and Humor.

"AN OLD Scotchwoman who had made a great deal of money by selling whisky was visited when on her deathbed by her minister. 'And so, Molly,' said the minister, 'you tell me that you have all this money.'"

"Indeed, minister, I have," replied Molly.

"And you tell me, too," continued the minister, "that you made all this money by filling the noggin."

"Na, na, minister," said the dying woman, "I didna tell ye that. I made the maist of it by NOT filling the noggin."

A minister of a Scotch parish was called in to effect a reconciliation between a fisherman and his wife. After using all the arguments at his command to convince the husband that it was unmanly to strike his wife, he concluded:

"You know, David, that the woman is the weaker vessel."

"Weel, then," said David sulkily, "if she's the weaker vessel she should carry the less sail."

The chief of the clan McIntosh once had a dispute with a cabman about his fare.

"Do you know who I am?" indignantly exclaimed the Highlander. "I am the McIntosh."

"I don't care if you are the umbrella," replied the cabby. "I'll have my rights."

M. C. C.

Thought of a Better Way.

In olden times the beadle was armed with a small wooden mallet with which he was commissioned to tap, gently but firmly, the heads of sleepers in church.

In the old town of Kilbarchan once lived and preached a minister whose pulpit ministrations were devoid of all eloquence or force. Naturally, he was annoyed every Sunday by the sight of several of his parishioners who slept throughout the sermon. Chief among these was Johnny Plane. Johnny had been gently "touched" by the old beadle's mallet several times, but one Sunday the minister was exasperated at the sight of the man soundly sleeping almost before the sermon had begun. "Andra," he called out to the beadle, "gang round to the wast loft and rap Johnny Plane. Gie the lazy loon a guld stiff rap on the held—he deserves it."

The beadle obeyed instructions, with the result that a lively fight ensued between him and the erstwhile sleeper. Meeting Andra in the vestry after the service, the minister said:

"If the loon sleeps next Sunday, just you gang up and rap him back to reason; and mind it's a knock wi' some FORCE in't he needs."

"Na, na, sir," was the beadle's canny reply, "I'll no disturb him again. If Johnny's to be kept frae sleepin' in church, minister, ye maun just pit the force into yer sermon."

M. C. C.

The Domestic Machine.

Mr. Meek was laboriously hooking up the back of his wife's evening dress just as the clock was striking their dinner hour and their dinner guests were ringing the door bell. Mr. Meek breathed hard; his forehead was damp and his hands shook.

"I do wish some one would invent a machine to do this kind of work!" he muttered, miserably.

"Wuh, they have!" replied his wife, brightly, as she applied some powder nonchalantly to her nose. "They have, and you are it."—*Youth's Companion.*

Made an Anthem of It.

It is pleasant to hear that the stern business of drilling has its light side, as well as most other things. In a

certain territorial regiment, not many miles from London, one of the newest recruits was waiting his turn on parade to be inspected.

Presently to him came the youthful officer in charge. He has what is known as the varsity accent.

The officer stooped and inspected. Then: "Ha, ha, no shave," he said. "He, he, no razor," replied the new recruit blithely, thinking that he had met a sociable soul with a pleasant way of reprimanding.

The result was, of course, disastrous to the recruit. But now, when the regiment is marching and "Tipperary" is getting a little overdone, the monotony is varied by the front section calling out in full-throated unison, "Ha, ha, no shave," which is instantly replied to from the back with a stentorian roar of "He, he, no razor!"—*London Daily Mirror.*

Hint as to Improvement.

"Father," said the small boy, "is there really a Santa Claus?"

"Why, I believe so, my son."

"But as a boy grows older doesn't a boy's own father come to the front and choose the gifts himself?"

"I shouldn't be surprised if that were the case."

"Well, I hope it is. I haven't said much about it, but after thinking over the presents I've been getting for two or three Christmases past I'd rather cut out Santa Claus and take my chances with you."—*Washington Star.*

Would Soon Catch It.

Tommy had been playing truant from school and had passed a long, beautiful day fishing. On his way back he met one of his young cronies, who accosted him with the usual question, "Catch anything?"

At this Tommy, in all the consciousness of guilt, quickly responded:

"Nope—ain't been home yet."

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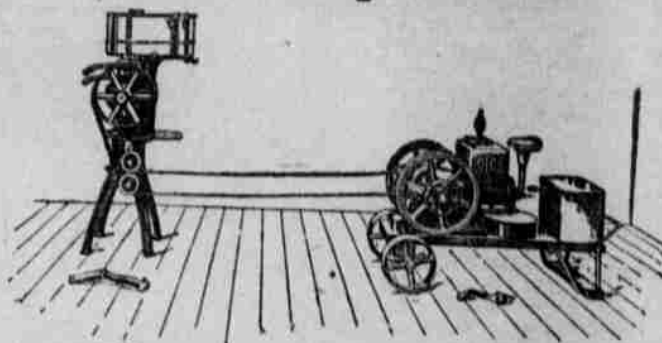
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